



Metrobus Routes 70 and 71 may no longer serve Southwest

By Tiffany Klaff

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) proposed fiscal year 2012 budget includes shortening Routes 70 and 71 to operate between Silver Spring and Archives at all times and reducing peak period frequency. Instead of the long-standing route continuing to Southwest, Metro proposes establishing a new Route 74 that will operate between Fort McNair/Buzzard Point and Gallery Place/Chinatown on weekdays between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m.

In addition, Route V8 would be restructured to operate via Fort McNair and extend to Gallery Place/Chinatown evenings and weekends. Route V7 would be discontinued after 8 p.m. on weekdays. These and other proposed changes to Metrobus and Metrorail are the result of a funding shortfall of \$66 million for fiscal year 2012.

At the May 9 ANC 6D meeting, the Commission passed a resolution that it adamantly opposes changes to the 70 and 71

buses and the creation of a new 74 bus that will offer limited bus service to Southwest residents. The resolution cited that the 70 and 71 buses are the only buses that run below M Street and that the proposed changes will place a hardship on residents who are seniors, disabled, low-income or work during hours when other transit options are not available. The resolution also noted that the extension of the V8 bus to provide weekend and evening access to residents below M Street will create a disruption in travel plans for residents and create confusion because of the lack of a regularly scheduled bus.

In addition, with the possibility that the Circulator bus route serving the Southwest Waterfront may be terminated, ANC 6D and many area residents are concerned that the changes will eliminate the direct access that Southwest residents currently have to Penn Quarter and the O Street markets. The changes may also negatively impact those who use these buses to get to and from the Nationals Park and may increase local area traffic and congestion

surrounding Nationals games.

To encourage public feedback on the options, Metro scheduled a series of six town-hall style meetings from May 16 to 19 in Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. In addition, Metro invited the public to participate in an online survey on possible option to resolve the funding shortfall, which was available until Friday, May 20, 2011.

In addition, WMATA will have a special hearing sponsored by Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells and ANC 6D to discuss the proposed changes. The meeting will be held on June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, 1101 Sixth St., SW.

The Metro Board of Directors is scheduled to act on the fiscal year 2012 budget in June, with any changes adopted taking effect on or about September 25, 2011. Full details on the proposal to address the budget shortfall may be found at http://www.wmata.com/community_outreach/B11-02_landing/B11-02_landing.cfm.

D.C. redistricting may affect Ward 6

By Kael Anderson

The redistricting of D.C.'s population following the 2010 census may have an effect on the residents of Ward 6, with the potential for some residents to become part of Ward 8.

Redistricting in D.C. occurs at three levels: wards, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs), and ANC single-member districts (SMDs). As of press time, the process of redistricting the wards is underway. Near Southeast and Southwest neighborhoods are both being considered to move from Ward 6 to Ward 8.

Redistricting occurs every 10 years across the country, in line with the U.S. census, in an effort to ensure equal governmental representation for all residents. If the census shows an extreme increase or decrease in population in a specific district, the "state" (or D.C.) is responsible for evening out those districts.

The 2010 census showed D.C.'s population to be 601,723. Based on that number, each ward should ideally have between 71,455 and 78,986 residents. The 2010 census shows Wards 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 falling in that range (with 76,197; 77,152; 75,773; 74,308; and 76,598 respectively).

Ward 2 gained residents in the past 10 years, thus exceeding the range by more than 5% with 79,915. Wards 7 and 8 have lost residents since the last census and are now below the range (71,068 and 70,712 respectively).

In order to ensure equal representation, Ward 2 must be made smaller so that the number of residents fall within the specified range. Wards 7 and 8 must both gain enough residents to fall within the ideal range.

This will mean some Ward 2 residents will become members of a neighboring ward, resulting in new representation on the D.C. City Council. In addition, some residents who live in wards neighboring 7 and 8 must become members of these less populous wards. In the case of Ward 6, it is possible some residents may be redistricted because the ward borders all three districts that require changes.

Many entities and individuals including ANC 6D (which covers the Southwest and Near Southeast neighborhoods) and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly provided comments to the D.C. City Council on the matter. Residents of these neighborhoods constituted a significant portion of the audience at the Ward 6 Redistricting Forum held on May 6.

Community leaders expressed concern about the disruption the transfer could cause if these areas were moved to another ward.

With the Southwest Waterfront and Near Southeast neighborhoods in the midst of a transformation, redistricting any areas in those neighborhoods could result in hardships for these developing areas. The communities are becoming landscapes of mixed-income housing, varying workplaces, civic spaces, parks, retail, and restored natural areas.

This development was envisioned with the goal and understanding that it will not only tie Near Southeast and Southwest to their contiguous neighborhoods, but benefit the District as a whole by generating millions of dollars annually in real estate, commercial endeavors, sales, and income-tax revenues.

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Working at Nationals Park is a family affair

By Carrie Wood

For some people, a love of baseball just runs in their blood. Take sisters and Nationals employees Sandra Powers and Cynthia Rodriguez, for example.

The siblings have lived in Southwest, D.C. since they moved from Panama as children when their father relocated the family for work-related reasons. Once in Washington, their father established a tradition of following baseball almost immediately.

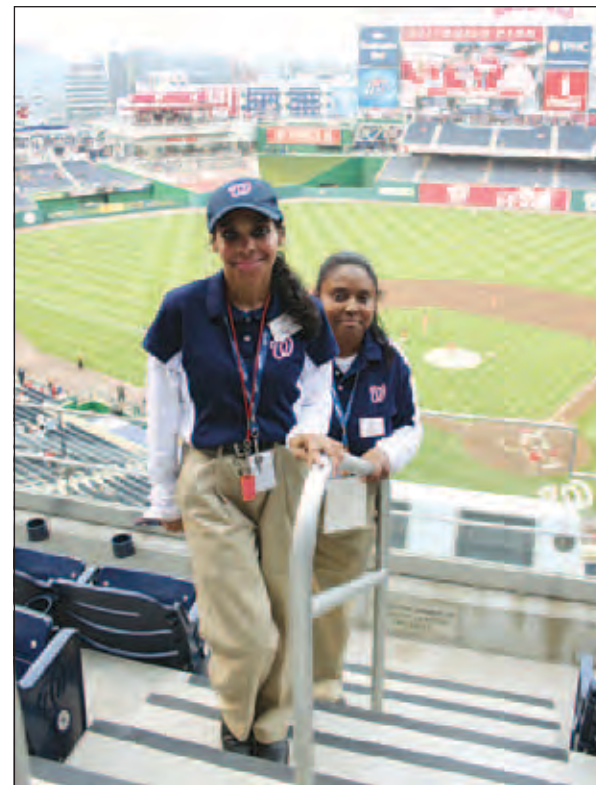
"We grew up with baseball, but our father was a Cincinnati Reds fan," Powers said. "Our family was all about the Big Red Machine."

Despite growing up Reds fans, the sisters adopted the Nationals quickly when baseball returned to Washington in 2005.

"It was long overdue for a baseball team to come back to D.C.," Rodriguez said. "The neighbors all talked about Griffith Stadium and the Senators."

And it was their love of baseball that led them to pursue jobs as fan ambassadors at Nationals Park, a position they both held for the past few years. As fan ambassadors, Powers won the 2009 Employee of the Year and Rodriguez captured the title in 2010.

"I was just stunned," Rodriguez said. "There are other people who have been here as long or longer than I have, and when they said that I won I was like, 'oh my goodness, you've got to be kidding!'"



Sisters and Southwest residents Cynthia Rodriguez and Sandra Powers are not only employees of the Washington Nationals but also big fans.

This year, however, both sisters took transfers to different departments; Powers now works as a fixed guard, and Rodriguez is a suite usher in the Stars and Stripes Club. Powers said that the change wasn't difficult for her.

"I liked being a fan ambassador and I did it for three years, but I wanted to do something different so I became a fixed guard," she said. "It's great because I still get to meet the fans, but

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ANC 6D monthly meeting: *As seen from the pew*

By Tiffany Klaff

The ANC 6D meeting was held on May 9 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. Many community members attended with concerns regarding the possibility of redistricting. As members of the D.C. Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting, Councilmembers At-Large Michael Brown and Phil Mendelson also attended the meeting to present the situation and take questions and comments from the Commission and the community. Mendelson also chaired the Subcommittee on Redistricting in 2001.

The bottom line: as a result of the 2010 census, redistricting is necessary in order to even out the population in the eight wards that make up the District. Ward 2 is currently overpopulated by more than 5% while Wards 7 and 8 are underpopulated by more than 5 percent. Although Ward 6 is within the acceptable population limit, it borders the three districts that require changes, which means that the ward boundaries will likely be adjusted. The changes need to be finalized by July 14. The Council will hold its first vote on a new map on Tuesday, June 7.

Ward 8 Councilmember Marion Barry has suggested moving parts of Southwest and Near Southeast, including Nationals Park, to Ward 8. Most of the community comments focused on keeping those areas as a part of Ward 6. Some people expressed wanting to keep Tommy Wells, who they voted into office, as their representative on the D.C. Council. Others made a strong case that the Southwest and Near Southeast communities have worked hard to build a strong community that is interdependent.

The Councilmembers noted that ANC6s can cross wards and even if redistricting occurs in Ward 6, an effort will be made to keep ANC 6D intact. As it is, a part of ANC 6D is in Ward 2. Despite these assurances, the Commission unanimously passed a resolution, introduced by Commissioners Garber and Litsky, to keep Southwest and Near Southeast in Ward 6. This

resolution will be sent to all members of the D.C. Council and the mayor.

Next up was a progress update on the D.C. Consolidated Forensic Laboratory (CFL) located at Fourth and School streets, SW. Construction on the new building passed the halfway mark last month, and is on schedule for project completion in the summer of 2012. For more information on the project and to watch the live webcam, visit <http://cfl.opm.dc.gov>.

Ongoing concerns surrounding the intersection at Fourth and M streets, SW continued with a short presentation by Commissioner McBee. The D.C. Department of Transporta-

tion reported to McBee that proposed changes to the intersection have been delayed because of administrative reasons. The ANC passed a motion in March 2011 to approve DDOT's plan to improve safety and traffic flow at the busy intersection.

The next discussion focused on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) proposed changes to the 70/71 bus, including shortening the line so that it would end in Chinatown instead of extending to Southwest. The bus line is only one of a few that serves the community and is used by many including area schoolchildren, elderly, and disabled residents.

Considering that the community may also lose the Circulator bus line, these changes would severely limit the transit options in Southwest. Commissioner Hamilton introduced a motion to oppose the changes, which was unanimously passed. Hamilton stated that she will testify on behalf of ANC 6D at the upcoming WMATA hearing.

The next ANC 6D meeting will be held Monday, June 13, 7 p.m., at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, 1101 Sixth St., SW.

Community Calendar

JUNE

WED 1 Alcohol Beverage Control Committee meeting

7 P.M.: Art & Spirit Coffeehouse featuring "Jefferson Middle School's Voices of Now Ensemble" and "Voices of Now Mentors Ensemble," St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

THURS 2 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.: Councilmember Tommy Wells Office Hours, Channel Inn, 650 Water St., SW

8:45 P.M.: Front Flicks Outdoor Movie: "Raiders of the Lost Ark," 100 Tingey St., SE

FRI 3 6 p.m.: Concert at Yards Park featuring R&B group "Special Occasion," 3rd and Water streets, SE.

6:30 P.M.: Potluck and Game Night (7 p.m.), St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

7 P.M. - 8 A.M.: Youth Lock In, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW. **Volunteers needed to assist activities, call the church office for more information.**

SAT 4 10 a.m. Lisa Schmit presents cancer seminar: Treatment, Care and Medications. Hosted by Women's Auxiliary. Carron Baptist Church, 1354 First St., SW

1 P.M. - 4 p.m.: Teen Summer Reading Kick-off, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW

SUN 5 3 p.m.: Friendship Baptist Gospel Choir Anniversary, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW.

3 P.M.: Spiritual Cake: Learn the ingredients in a cake that God has given us for this life. Sponsored by Women's Auxiliary. Carron Baptist Church, 1354 First St., SW

4 P.M.: Worship/Call to Action to end gun violence, The Holy Christian House of Praise for All People is located at 5110 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., NE.

WED 8 Poetry Night, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW

6 P.M.: Third Anniversary of START, a harm reduction program, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW.

THURS 9 8:45 p.m.: Front Flicks Outdoor Movie: "Dirty Dancing", 100 Tingey St., SE

FRI 10 6 p.m.: Concert at Yards Park featuring Caribbean group "Sam 'O," 3rd and Water streets, SE.

MON 13 7 p.m.: Advisory Neighborhood Commission Meeting (ANC6D), open to public, Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, 1101 6th St., SW

TUES 14 7:30 p.m.: Southwest Chamber Players

concert, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

THUR 16 7 p.m.: Police Service Area (PSA) 104 Community Meeting, Harbour Square Coop, 500 N Street, SW

8:45 P.M.: Front Flicks Outdoor Movie: "The Blind Side", 100 Tingey St., SE

FRI 17 6 p.m.: Concert at Yards Park featuring pop group "The Congress," 3rd and Water streets, SE.

SAT 18 1 p.m.: Queen of Sheba Missionary Play and Dinner, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW.

THURS 23 7:30 p.m.: Wives and Friends of the Men's Ministry Service, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW

8:45 P.M.: Front Flicks Outdoor Movie: "E.T.", 100 Tingey St., SE

FRI 24 10 a.m.: Mentoring Workshop for Men, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW.

6 P.M.: Concert at Yards Park featuring MoTown group "Jimi Smooth," 3rd and Water streets, SE.

SAT 25 1 p.m.: Kitchen Table Book Discussion about "Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW

SUN 26 11 a.m.: Men's Day Celebration, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave., SW. 3 p.m.: Annual Men's Day Afternoon Musical Service,

3 P.M.: Youth Awards Service, Carron Baptist Church, 1354 First St., SW

MON 27 7 p.m.: General Community Meeting - SW Neighborhood Assembly, St. Augustine's, 600 M St., SW

WED 29 Alcohol Beverage Control Committee meeting

THURS 30 8:45 p.m.: Front Flicks Outdoor Movie: "Shakespeare in Love", 100 Tingey St., SE

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth St. SW, every first and third Monday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY EVENING FILMS, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Monday, 6:30 p.m. Experience a different cinematic treat every week. Call 202-724-4752 for movie titles. All ages.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Thursday, 10 a.m. June 2: Library Website; June 9: Email Basics; June 16: Microsoft Word; June 23 Microsoft Excel; June 30 Microsoft PowerPoint

THE SOUTH WASHINGTON WEST OF THE RIVER FATHERHOOD PROGRAM, St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, call Alphonso Coles at (202) 870-1885.

SOUTHWEST SEWING GROUP, Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW. Contact Willie Mae Stukes, sewing teacher, at (301) 445-1792. Open to all interested in working on their own sewing projects and updating their hand and/or machine sewing skills. Mondays, except for July and August.

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA, Alcoholics Anonymous group, Mondays, 8:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Church, 600 M St. SW, (202) 554-3222.

SW FREEWAY NA, Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.-8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW, (202) 484-7700.

AARP-SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT CHAPTER 4751, Third Wednesday of each month, 12 p.m. luncheon, except for June, July and August, River Park Mutual Homes community room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW. For further information, contact Chapter President Evelyn Dorsey, Dorseydear@aol.com or 202-488-9685.

HAND DANCING CLASSES, Jitter bug, lindy hop. Saturdays, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children ages 8 - 17. Christ United Methodist community room off Wesley Pl., SW

HAIKU TO HIP HOP, creative writing workshop Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. For ages 12 through 19, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., Wednesday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. For all levels, even beginners.

CHESS CLUB, Southwest Library main room, 900 Wesley Pl., Wednesdays 7 p.m.-9 p.m. For all levels, even beginners.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Various blues musicians and singers featured each Monday, \$5. Food for sale, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW, 202-484-7700.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS, 4 p.m. Seated yoga and healing sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine), 5:30 p.m. Laughter yoga (Claire Trivedi), 7 p.m. Sampoorna yoga (Alex Rosen). Free with donations welcome, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW, 202-484-7700.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, Fridays, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Various jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday, \$5. Food for sale. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW, 202-484-7700.

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Southwest Neighborhood Assembly moves forward with new board, new vision, new direction

By Jodi McCarthy

With nearly two months under its belt, the new board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) is taking a close look at where they want to take the organization over the next two years. One of the first discussion items is the scope and function of SWNA. The board agreed to examine how the Assembly, as Southwest's civic organization, may best serve the community. The board will communicate with other organizations such as the Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) to help ensure activities and roles are complimentary rather than duplicated or contradictory.

For the first time in recent history, the ANC addressed SWNA during the April board meeting. Ron McBee, Chairman of ANC 6D, outlined the Commission's activities and discussed where he envisioned interaction and mutual support between the two organizations. The two organizations intend to leverage off of each other's strengths, activities and contacts.

The Assembly board voted in favor of adopting four primary focus areas: Communications

& Community Outreach, Education, Parks & Recreation, and Transportation. At May's board meeting members discussed the number of activities that were already underway and after much discussion it appeared SWNA was stretched too thin given the limited number of volunteers. By narrowing the priorities and activities, the Assembly board hopes to provide quality, focused activities and investment within the community.

SWNA will also fulfill the basic political functions of a civic association. For example, this past month a large number of the board members attended the Ward 6 redistricting meeting.

The board followed up by submitting a formal letter to the D.C. Council, which is available online at http://swdc.org/docs/SWNA_Redistricting_Letter-5-3-11.pdf

Operating with transparency and in the best interest of our community is important to the new board. This may mean a major overhaul of how the Assembly manages its finances and oversees task forces.

Jodi McCarthy is Vice President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

Changes proposed to improve Fourth and M Streets intersection

By Andy Litsky

The redevelopment at Waterfront Station and reopening of Fourth Street has brought new life to the neighborhood by reconnecting both sides of Southwest after nearly 50 years. But new pedestrian and automobile patterns have also created challenges at the intersection at Fourth and M Streets, SW. In November 2010, the ANC Commissioners representing the "four corners" at that intersection met with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to express concerns about safety and traffic at that critical juncture and make suggestions for improvements. Those recommendations were refined by ANC 6D in March 2011, after DDOT implemented a series of changes this spring that the Commission thought further exacerbated an already difficult situation.

The following topics were addressed at the initial meeting with DDOT representatives held last November:

- Need to dramatically increase pedestrian walk times across M Street.
- Need to properly synchronize the traffic lights with the pedestrian walk signals.
- Address dangerous and illegal parking in front of Bank of America.
- Need for educational outreach to Ft. McNair commuters on new open street design, signals and pedestrian patterns.
- Need to return the no U-turn signs that, until April 2010, restricted such activity for east- and westbound traffic at the intersection on M Street.
- Explore whether vehicular traffic would flow more smoothly and pedestrian crossing times could increase if the left-turn arrow on southbound Fourth Street for eastbound M Street traffic (toward the ballpark) were eliminated.
- Need to physically enlarge the traffic island at M Street east of Fourth to

ensure a greater level of pedestrian safety.

- Need to eliminate several parking spaces on the southwest side of M Street between the intersection and easternmost exit from 430 M Street so that cars making right turns onto Fourth Street can see "right-turn only" painted arrows and turn *only* from the right-hand lane, slowing down traffic by narrowing the turning radius.
- Need for more effective signage regarding pedestrian access and safety.
- Need to educate pedestrians on what the new "push" signals accomplish—or eliminate them entirely if they prove superfluous.
- Need for immediate police presence and DDOT enforcement unit to ensure that drivers comply with existing signs and traffic regulations.

On March 1, 2011, DDOT reformatted the intersection. While pedestrian crossing times were slightly increased, many other changes were made that contravened what the ANC had originally recommended and caused great consternation in the community. During the next two weeks, the ANC 6D and DDOT met several times to refine our November concerns, further increase pedestrian crossing times and provide drivers with better visual cues about the new street configuration. Our recommendations to DDOT added the following:

- Restore the westbound M Street left turn onto Fourth Street (toward Ft. McNair).
- Restore the eastbound M Street left-turn arrow onto Fourth Street (toward Waterfront Station).
- Eliminate the southbound left turn from Fourth Street onto M Street (from Waterfront Station to the ballpark).
- Place signage at southbound Fourth and

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David Kamperin retires



At the MPD First District Awards on May 3, Commander David Kamperin, Council-member Tommy Wells and Community Liaison for Tommy Wells Naomi Mitchell celebrate the retirement of Kamperin after 23 years of service (top left). Lieutenant Mark Saunders displays his award for Patrol Service Area Lieutenant of the Year (top right). Officer Marvin Williams shows off his award for Patrol Service Area Officer of the year, presented to him by Kamperin (bottom left). Officer Kiriaki Avramidis poses with her Commander's Special Recognition Award (bottom right). All photos by Saadia Athias.

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Dorothy Height Call Box

The Dorothy Height Call Box outside 700 Seventh St., SW received a coat of pink paint on May 20. Sue and Perry Klein, originators of the Call Box project, pose with the newly painted call box. Photo by Joseph Xavier, who did the painting.



Capital Yacht Club Patriot Picnic held May 7

By Nancy Newlin Lain

For the past five years the Capital Yacht Club (CYC), including generous donations from its members; the Washington Waterfront Association businesses (Phillip's, Gangplank and Capital Yacht Charters); Jenny's restaurant; and Jessie Taylor and Captain White from the fish market come together to support wounded soldiers with a Patriot Picnic. This year we had an unexpected donation from the fifth and sixth grades of Mackintosh Academy of Colorado. These young men and women had their class trip in Washington this year and enjoyed several meals at CYC during their stay. To show their appreciation, they sent a thank-you note along with a generous donation to support the soldiers and our picnic.

The day began with the sun shining and a light breeze in the air. Although Saturday was the picnic, the planning started months before with the approval of Walter Reed Hospital.

This year we had the largest group of soldiers and their families from



Wounded soldiers and their families were honored during the Patriot Picnic, held May 7. Attendees from Walter Reed and their families had a chance to ride on boat on the Potomac and fish. All photos by Scott Berg.



Walter Reed Hospital. It was an honor to show them that they are appreciated for their service and sacrifice. The perfect weather set the stage for a wonderful celebration; the food was rolling in and the BBQ was smokin'. The soldiers and their families were so grateful to be out of the hospital. The Armed Forces Retired Home attended and was ready for action. They have the best attitudes and spirit for a fun day.

The "troops" arrived at 8:30 a.m. for setup and a constant flow of new "recruits" came and went during the day. There was a constant stream of "What can I do to help"? Music to my ears! This year so many club members helped with cooking, serving, making signs, washing pots, cleaning tables, grilling food and fishing. And all had a blast.

This year more fish than ever were caught and released as guests took to the waters for some recreational fishing. There were about 15 fishing rods

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By Jodi McCarthy

Jason Kopp and Debbie Christianson have a unique perspective on the Southwest Waterfront and its developments. Kopp, President of the Gangplank Slipholders Association (GPSA), and Christianson, Commodore of the Port of Washington Yacht Club (POWYC), both live aboard homes on the river.

Kopp and Christianson were both attracted to the community atmosphere at the marina.

“When I came to Washington, I had almost no boating experience” Kopp said. “However, two things drew me to Gangplank Marina: I wanted to be part of an active community and I wanted to have an escape from the concrete jungle found in many urban areas.”

The community at Gangplank is very connected, Kopp said. The community organizes many events throughout the year, including regular pot-luck style Thursday happy hours and Sunday Captain’s Coffees. The marina hopes to expand a number of events to include neighbors in the Southwest and near Southeast communities, Kopp said.

“We want people to see the waterfront as a wonderful resource for the greater D.C. community that we can all enjoy,” he said.

The community consists of a diverse group of individuals from all walks of life, Christianson said.

“We have political figures, federal workers, state workers, workers from private industry, and some are self-employed.”

Christianson said interaction is a big part of the community. She lived in another area of D.C. for a year in 2005 and said she never got to know her neighbors. However, two weeks after moving to the marina Christianson said she

Getting to know our neighbors: Gangplank Marina



Debbie Christianson, Commodore of the Port of Washington Yacht Club, D.C. Councilmember Tommy Wells, and Gangplank Slipholders Association President Jason Kopp stand in front of Gangplank Marina. Photo by Andy Litsky.

was asked to host a Captain’s Coffee gathering and was given the opportunity to meet many neighbors.

“Here in Gangplank, everyone opens their arms and hearts and you become part of the community right away,” she said.

The Gangplank Marina community enjoys its direct connection with the ecosystem. On any given day there are Great Blue Herons, Night Herons, and possibly an Osprey wander-

ing the docks. In addition, residents take note of the various fish species that transit the Potomac throughout the year. Kopp said in the evenings during particular times of the year, he can hear fish nibbling at the algae on the bottom of his home.

“I was surprised to find that the Southwest residents catch some of the same fish that I’ve fished for all my life in Wisconsin; bluegills, large mouth Bass, Crappie, and Catfish,” Christian-

son said. “I’ve even seen giant Koi swimming around the marina.”

The recent rain is uniquely noticeable to Gangplank residents; from the tapping heard on boat rooftops to the rise and fall of the docks with the tides. Gangplank Marina residents are also keenly aware of the trash and debris that often finds its way into their neighborhood. The community takes pride in its efforts to clean and beautify the water and surrounding area. Tree planting and clean-up drives are a common activity for the lively group of live-aboard dwellers. GPSA and POWYC have collaborated regularly with Casey Trees, Earth Conservations Corps, and the Alice Ferguson Foundation in their efforts.

Kopp and Christianson said they were excited about the overall plans for Southwest. The upgrades and planned construction for the docks and harbor area will have direct impact on the residents of Gangplank Marina both during and post construction. They said they realize things are moving fast and will continue to work with developers to ensure a fair and comprehensively thought out transition plan for marina residents.

Kopp said he is impressed with the interim uses PN Hoffman and Madison Marquette have planned for 7th Street Landing and the Kastles Stadium this summer, especially the Thursday farmer’s market starting June 2. Kopp said he is happy that the development team considers the Gangplank community a unique part of the SW and Near SE communities and a valuable partner for helping to generate enthusiasm and excitement about the changes coming to the SW Waterfront.

Jodi McCarthy is Vice President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.



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Development news

By William Rich

■ **Camden Property Trust has broken ground on Camden South Capitol, a 276-unit apartment building at 1345 South Capitol St., SW.** Some of the amenities planned for the \$88 million apartment building include a rooftop pool and deck, below-grade parking for 250 vehicles and ground-floor retail. Twelve of the units will be set aside as affordable housing. Leasing should begin around the middle of 2013.

■ **DDOT recently released its final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the South Capitol Street corridor.** Among the highlights of the EIS are plans to turn South Capitol Street into a boulevard with a median north of N Street, remove the tunnel under M Street, build a new Frederick Douglas Bridge and create signalized intersections at K & L Streets.

■ **Stating in June, Das Bullpen will host a monthly "Truckeroo" festival at the corner of Half and M Street, SE.** There will be 20-25 food trucks, along with live music from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The purpose of the festival is to show-

case food trucks from the Washington region and bring more foot traffic to the area on non-game days at Nationals Park. The first Truckeroo festival will be held on June 3.

■ **In Mayor Gray's proposed 2012 budget, nearly \$100 million is set aside for streetcars over the next six years.** As a result, DDOT will start planning this summer for streetcar extensions, including along M Street SE/SW. Streetcars are proposed to run along the M Street corridor, Buzzard Point, Maine Avenue and the soon-to-be created Wharf Street on the Southwest Waterfront.

■ **The Historic Preservation Review Board rejected the historic landmark application for the Market Deli at the northeast corner of 1st and L Street, SE.** The deli building was to be razed in preparation for the eventual

development of the parcel for an office building by Akridge, but the landmark application halted the demolition process. Since the application was rejected, demolition of the building can now proceed.

■ **Mid-May marked the opening of Roti Mediterranean Grill and Potbelly Sandwich Shop at the L'Enfant Plaza Exchange food court.** Roti's hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed on Sundays. Potbelly will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is also closed on Sundays. Other retailers and restaurants will open in the next few months, including Gateway Newstands, Frozen Yogurt Indulgence, Gourmet Too, Au Bon Pain, Mamma Ilardo's, Five Guys and Moe's Southwest Grill.

■ **WMATA and Donohoe have completed the \$3 million sale of 5,165 square feet of land at New Jersey Avenue and M Streets, SE** after being under contract for over three years at the east entrance to the Navy Yard Metro station. Once Donohoe finds tenants, the developer can build its planned 220,000-square-foot office building on the site.

■ **The Hoffman-Madison Waterfront team has selected Humboldt Hospitality to advise them on the sale or joint venture of their hotel site for Phase 1 of The Wharf.** The hotel is planned as a luxury, full service, four-star diamond facility and will face the Washington Channel, adjacent to the future home of The Graduate School USA at Ninth Street and Maine Avenue, SW.

News from Southwest was adapted from the Southwest...The Little Quadrant That Could blog (www.southwestquadrant.blogspot.com) and Near SE news was adapted from the JD Land blog (www.jdland.com/dc).



By Derrick Inglut

Fiber could be stepping stone to a slimmer figure

Well folks, it's been nearly five months since that faithful day we whispered to ourselves that New Year's promise, and now that the warm weather is here it's time to reap the rewards! Or is it?

If you are one of the lucky few that managed to tackle their fitness goals, my personal congratulations goes out to you. However, if you are like the majority of us, you may be wondering what last minute tricks you can do to shed off as much weight as possible before beach season goes into full swing.

Now let's be clear, I've never been an advocate of crash or fad diets. In fact, I've always preached moderation – not abstinence from the very beginning to my clients. However, I do realize the importance of the upcoming beach weekends and personally want you to look your best.

There are millions of weight-loss products out there and all of them claim to be the very best. With this plethora of options, what's a carb-

challenged person to do? For starters, by now you should know that you just cannot work off a bad diet. However, you do have options.

If you just can't seem to kick that sweet tooth or those late-night pizza callings, there's a very powerful supplement that I know works. The odds are, you are not getting nearly enough of it in your diet either. Drum roll please?

Fiber. That's the magical product here. There are no chemicals, no marketing crew and no million-dollar endorsements. This is a supplement that, over time, has very powerful capabilities on ridding you of that spare tire. What's great about this supplement is that fiber is hugely powerful in its ability to absorb those excess fats before your body does.

According to the American Heart Association, Americans are only getting as much as about half as much fiber as they need whereas the recommended total dietary intake is around 30 grams a day. In comparison, scientist's estimate that the average fiber intake of a prehistoric man was at least 50 grams a day. Nowadays, modern

food processing techniques have stripped our food of nutrition in search of better taste or shelf life. Now it's your job to put it back in.

There are two types of fiber, insoluble (does not absorb water) and soluble (absorbs liquids). The latter is of most importance here. While insoluble fiber can prove to be valuable in keeping things moving along, soluble fiber has the capabilities of absorbing the fats from that pizza you just ate or that birthday cake you might be eyeballing.

Fiber not only absorbs excess grease and fats from your diet, it also has the ability to absorb cholesterol too. That's why the American Heart Association recommends fiber-rich foods like oatmeal as a way to lower bad (LDL) cholesterol. However, if you want the fiber without all of the calories, try buying it in its purest form. One of the best types of soluble fibers is Psyllium husk.

It can taste pretty bland by itself but there are a variety of citrus flavored options. Try adding one of these options to a protein shake. This

will help keep you full for a long time and works wonders to keep those cravings under control.

Here's my Orange Creamsicle recipe:

2 cups water
1-2 tbsp. Sugar Free Orange Metamucil
1-2 scoops vanilla whey protein (No Soy – it is too thick)
5-6 ice cubes.
Blend well. At least 2-3 minutes for a deliciously filling low calorie frothy shake!

If you would like to increase your fiber intake via more natural methods, the Paleo Diet is a popular option. For more information, consult your doctor.

Derrick Inglut is a professional personal trainer and monthly columnist for The Southwester. He can be contacted at derrick1051@hotmail.com

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More than 60 boats participated in the Blessing of the Fleet on May 14. The Blessing of the Fleet is an annual tradition along the SW Waterfront each May.



Some of the boats lined up to be blessed. All photos by Perry Klein.



Shaolong, Southwest resident Jo Chang's boat. Dr. Chang is Treasurer of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Shaolong means "Little Dragon."



From left to right: Roger Thiel, Master of Ceremonies, Debbie Christianson, Commodore of the Port of Washington Yacht Club, and Councilmember Tommy Wells.



Gay Men's Chorus performs at Westminster

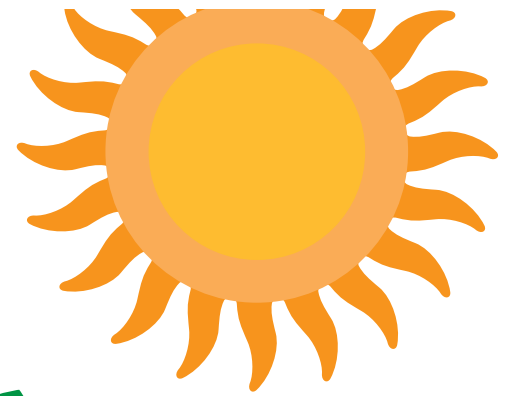
On May 14 the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C.'s "Potomac Fever", a 13-voice a cappella, close-harmony pop ensemble gave two performances at Westminster Church in Southwest D.C. The theme of their concert was "Crazy Little Thing Called Love." Also performing in this concert was Noteworthy, a small men's ensemble featuring members of Triad Pride Men's Chorus, located in the Piedmont Triad of North Carolina. This is the 30th anniversary season of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C. Photo by Perry Klein.



Tall ships visit the Southwest Waterfront

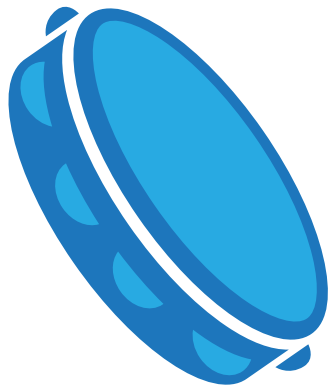
Several tall ships will be docking in Southwest over the next couple of months. The first ship to visit, the Summerwind, is a 109-foot training vessel for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and was docked in Southwest the week of May 4. Other tall ships to come include the ARC Gloria, the Colombian Navy's Tall Ship, which is expected May 24 to May 26, S/V Nina and Pinta replicas May 26 to May 30, and the S/V Sultana, which will arrive June 5 and stay through June 16. Photo by Scott Berg.

ENJOY JUNE ALONG THE WATERFRONT



THURSDAYS: Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues from 5-8pm

- June 2** Farmers Market
Antonio Parker Quartet
- June 9** Farmers Market
Queen Aisha & Friends
- June 16** Farmers Market
Thad Wilson Jazz Ensemble
- June 23** Farmers Market
David Cole Blues Band
- June 30** Farmers Market
Nasar Abadey Quartet



Thursday evening activities at The Wharf also include Bean Baggo, Table Tennis and Bocce.
The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.

FRIDAYS: Summer Rhythms and Food Truck Roundup from 6-8pm

- June 3** Patrick Alband and Noche Latina (Latina and Salsa)
Food Truck Roundup
- June 10** Crowdaddies (Cajun Soul)
Food Truck Roundup
- June 17** New Legacy Jazz (Big Band Swing)
Food Truck Roundup
- June 24** Higher Hands (Fusion)
Food Truck Roundup

Friday evening activities at The Wharf also include Bean Baggo, Table Tennis and Bocce.
The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.

SATURDAYS: Waterfront Yoga from 10-11am

- June 4** Flow Yoga on The Wharf with Caitlin Uzzell
Wake Up Grill by King Ribs
- June 11** Flow Yoga on The Wharf with Caitlin Uzzell
Wake Up Grill by King Ribs
- June 18** Flow Yoga on The Wharf with Caitlin Uzzell
Wake Up Grill By King Ribs
- June 25** Flow Yoga on The Wharf with Caitlin Uzzell
Wake Up Grill by King Ribs

Saturday activities at The Wharf also include Bean Baggo, Table Tennis and Bocce.
The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.



All events are FREE and open to the public.

The Wharf Farmers Market is managed by a partnership of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group and Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture

The Wharf Jazz and Blues is produced by Jazz Night in Southwest, a project of Southwest Renaissance at Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Wharf Summer Rhythms are provided through the generosity of DC Harbor Cruises

The Wharf Yoga classes are produced by Flow Yoga Center

CELEBRATE SUMMER AT THE WHARF



Thursday, June 2

Festivities begin at 5pm and continue to 8pm

700 Water Street SW at the 7th Street Landing

Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues

The Farmers Market will include a green market of fruits and vegetables managed through a partnership of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group and Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture. The new neighborhood farmers market will feature:

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Antonio Parker Quintet (Jazz and Blues by Jazz Night in Southwest, a project of Southwest Renaissance at Westminster Presbyterian Church)

Special Activities Throughout the Evening Include:

Bean Baggo, Table Tennis, Bocce, Free WIFI



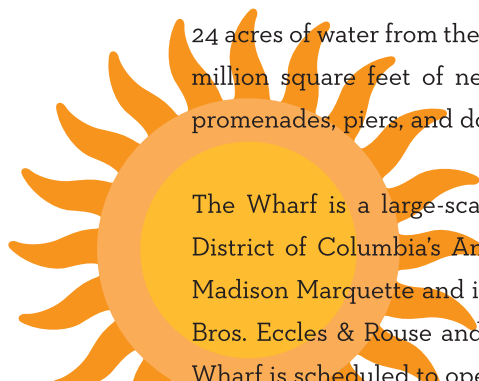
The Wharf is a \$2 billion, world-class, mixed-use waterfront development located on the historic Washington Channel in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood. The redevelopment area stretches across 27 acres of land and 24 acres of water from the Municipal Fish Market to Fort McNair. When complete, it will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, retail, office, hotel, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks.

The Wharf is a large-scale waterfront neighborhood developed by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront as part of the District of Columbia's Anacostia Waterfront Initiative. The Wharf development team is led by PN Hoffman and Madison Marquette and is comprised of ER Bacon Development, City Partners, Paramount Development, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse and Triden Development. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 2012 and the first phase of The Wharf is scheduled to open in 2015. More information is available at www.wharfdc.com.

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Art and Culture

Stage adaptation of “A Time to Kill” shines at Arena Stage

By Sheila Wickouski



Sebastian Arcelus as Jake Brigance and Dion Graham as Carl Lee Hailey in the Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater production of *A Time to Kill* from May 6 – June 19, 2011. Photo by Joan Marcus.

“**A** Time to Kill” by playwright Rupert Holmes is Arena Stage’s last production of its inaugural season at its new location. But in several ways, the show is a first.

This production is the world premiere stage adaptation of best selling author John Grisham’s first novel. The legal thriller, later made into a movie, is likely the most controversial well-liked of his more than two dozen books.

Set in a racially divided Mississippi town, the play pits a young, idealistic lawyer against a formidable district attorney. The case revolves around the murder of two white supremacists by a black father who took the law into his hands following a brutal rape of his 10-year-old daughter. As the battle for justice extends beyond the boundaries of the courtroom, the play asks: Is vigilante justice ever morally permissible? Can one live in a world where it would be?

The father shot his daughter’s rapists and now the Ku Klux Klan threatens the town. The district attorney has further raised the stakes by seeking the death penalty. As bombs explode and innocent bystanders are wounded, the terrorism that accompanies racism is revealed in full fury. Blending thrilling mystery with thought provoking stimulus, “A Time to Kill” is a story both entertaining and unsettling, spanning political, social, and emotional complexities.

This production also marks the first time multiple-award winner Ethan McSweeney has directed a play at Arena Stage. McSweeney grew up in D.C. and had many of his early theater

experiences at Arena. He is an award-winning director whose work at the Shakespeare Theater Company is known to D.C. theater audiences.

WANT TO GO?

WHAT: “A Time to Kill” by Rupert Holmes (until June 19)

WHERE: The Kreeger Theater at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, 1101 6th St., SW

WHEN: May 8 to June 19, 2011

Tues., Wed., and Sun. at 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Fri., and Sat. at 8 p.m.

Sat. and Sun. matinees at 2 p.m.

Weekday matinees at noon on May 24, May 25, and June 1

Sign-interpreted performance June 9 at 8 p.m.

Southwest Night May 31 at 7:30 p.m.

COST: Tickets from \$15 (with discount) to \$85, plus applicable fees.

PURCHASING: Visit www.arenastage.org, call 202-488-3300, or go to the Sales Office at 1101 Sixth St., SW.

Southwest Safety Walkers need volunteers

Join the Southwest Neighborhood Safety Walkers each Thursday at 8 p.m. in front of the circle at Harbour Square, 500 N St., SW for a walking tour of the neighborhood. Safety Walkers help ensure safety and abate crime by doing such things as reporting suspicious activity, graffiti, non-functional street lights and overgrown shrubbery.

For more information please contact Dan Felger at danjeandc@verizon.net or Shirley Hodge-Coleman at coleman.shirley@comcast.net.

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Voices of Now student ensembles to perform June 1 at Art and Spirit Coffeehouse

By Elaine Graves

The Jefferson Middle School Voices of Now Ensemble and the Voices of Now Mentors Ensemble will be perform two original plays, “Grounded” and “Out of Bounds” Wednesday, June 1 at St. Augustine’s Art & Spirit Coffeehouse. The free event, beginning at 7 p.m., is sponsored by St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church and includes desserts and coffee.

The Voices of Now Ensembles are groups of student actors selected to work with professional theater artists from Arena Stage to create and perform original one-act plays. Through creative writing, improvisation, acting and movement the Voices of Now program gives students a holistic artistic experience and challenges them to recount the stories that shape their lives. In the fall, students sign up to participate in four workshops. Each workshop introduces an actor’s tool based on movement, vocal expression, creativity and teamwork. Students who complete the workshops are invited to audition for a Voices of Now Ensemble, which meets in the spring, according to long-time director Ashley Forman, Director of Education, Programming.

These two ensembles have been rehearsing for more than five months to create and perform their original plays. From May 25 through 29 the ensembles will be performing in Arena Stage’s Voices of Now Festival at the Mead Center for American Theater, reports Ensemble Coordinator Mitch Mattson.

The Directors and “Devisors” for this performance are Ashley Forman, hip-hop artist Psalm-ayene 24 and Michael Williams. The Faculty Advisor is Alton Whitley.

The Jefferson Middle School ensemble stu-

dent actors include Jazzmin Camara, Jamia Carroll, Lexus Clyburn, Danielle Crutchfield, Cassie Golphin, Micah Golphin, Amari McFadden, Keyerrah Poston, Shakira Reed, Nisa Shelton and Chrisdane Womack.

The Voices of Now Mentor Ensemble is comprised of artists who have previously participated in the Voices of Now Ensemble. The mentors are tasked with guiding the new group of young artists through the demanding artistic process of the Voices of Now program and serve as artistic role models by creating and performing their own one-act play.

The Directors and “Devisors” for the Mentor Ensemble are Ashley Forman and Mitch Mattson. Roc Lee is the sound designer.

The Mentor Ensemble student actors are Ky’lend J. Adams, Duke Ellington High School for the Arts; DeLante Fludd, Thurgood Marshall Academy; Aaron Golphin, KIPP College Prep High School; Monique Garey, Dunbar High School; Laneisha McCauley, Cardozo High School; Jamir Nelson, Duke Ellington High School for the Arts; and Taelor A. Price, Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The Southwest Episcopal Church’s Art & Spirit Coffeehouse series opens on the first Wednesday of each month to showcase local artists in their various media as they perform and share how their faith, art and social worldview intersect, said Rev. Martha Clark, Priest-in-Charge at St. Augustine’s. Donations will be accepted to help provide honoraria for the guest artists.

Contact rector@staugustinesdc.org, 202-554-3222 or visit www.staugustinesdc.org for further information.

Sheila Wickouski contributed to this article.

Limited summer programs offered for neighborhood children

By Meg Brinckman

Less summer programming for Southwest and Near Southeast children will be available this year as a result of major cuts across the board in summer camp and program funds, summer school and summer youth employment. Additional budget cuts in the Children and Youth Investment Trust are restricting programming for children of all ages.

One major disappointment is the loss of Heads Up and Kid Power, two groups that

provided high-quality summer activity and academic-enrichment programs for 100 elementary school children last year. The groups will not be able to use Amidon-Bowen Elementary School for their programs. Kid Power is looking for alternative space, but there will be no Heads Up summer program anywhere city-wide.

Deep cuts in the Summer Employment Program and Secondary Summer School will leave many teens without the resources they have had in past years. Middle school students will be served at only one campus (Shaw at Garnett

Patterson Middle School). Summer school at the high-school level is limited to students within three credits of graduation. Finally, the summer youth-employment program is trimmed from 22,000 city-wide in 2010 to 14,000 in 2011, leaving many teens with no employment. However, thirty teenagers ages 14 to 18 will be enrolled for four 2-week sessions of Image Camp, a career camp, at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center in Southwest.

The D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) summer camp, which also operates

out of King-Greenleaf, will limit enrollment in the 6- to 12-year-old age group to 25 children.

Bucking the trend, DC Sail is offering expanded programs and scholarship in the Kids Set Sail summer camp for children ages 7 to 14 and a new Schooner Education Camp for high school students. Both programs have a large number of scholarships available. For more information on the programs visit <http://dcsail.org/youth> or call 202-547-1250.

2011 Summer Activities for Children

By Meg Brinckman

There are a variety of weekly sports and lessons in the Southwest neighborhood, many in and around King-Greenleaf Recreation Center and taking place in the late afternoon and evenings.

The programs, as of press time, are listed below. Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact the programs directly for more information.

A group of concerned parents and community members are working to expand the opportunities for older youth, especially because they will be the most underserved this summer, and have asked for volunteers. For more information on how you can volunteer to help call or email Meg Brinckman at 202-554-2259 or mbrinckman@comcast.net or Eve Brooks at 202-554-4747 or evebrooks@verizon.net.

King-Greenleaf Recreation Center Activities

Regular programs will continue during the summer. All programs at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center are free.

Hours: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Department of Parks and Recreation 2011 REC CAMP at King-Greenleaf

Ages: 6 to 13

Dates: June 27 through July 8 (July 4 off), July 11 through July 22, July 25 through Aug. 5, Aug. 8 through Aug. 19

Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration/Contact: Register on site or call 202-645-7454. Before and after care will not be available.

Teen Career Camp - IMAGE

Ages: 14 to 18

Dates: June 27 through July 8 (July 4th off), July 11 through July 22, July 25 through Aug. 5, Aug. 8 through Aug. 19

Registration/Contact: D.C. Department of Employment Services Office of Youth

Programs at 202-698-3492 or the DPR Office of Teen Programs at 202-671-0451. You will need to complete the online application at <http://does.dc.gov> in order to register.

Groups to Hoops - Basketball

Ages: 16 to 24

Dates: Tues. and Thurs., June through Aug.

Hours: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Contact/Registration: Paul Taylor at 202-340-4917. No registration required.

Girls Softball

Ages: 10 to 14

Contact: King-Greenleaf Recreation Center at 202-645-7454

Computer-for-Kids Computer Training

Ages: 7 to 9

Dates: Mon., June 6 through Mon., Aug. 1 (8 weeks)

Hours: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Contact/Registration: Thelma Jones at 202-488-3746 or tjones15@verizon.net. Free/donations. Students completing the course requirements of good behavior, attendance and participation receive a refurbished computer.

Swimming - Randall Pool

Ages: All ages, children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 and older

Location: South Capitol & I (Eye) streets, SW – 202-727-1420

Hours: Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 12 p.m. through 6 p.m.

Contact: See the website at dpr.dc.gov, or contact Sean Link at 202-6671-1289 or sean.link@dc.gov.

DC SAIL Activities at 600 Water St., SW

Kids Set Sail

Ages: 7-14

Date: Eight one-week (Monday through Friday) courses starting June 21

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact//Registration: Register online www.dcsail.org or at 202-547-1250. \$350 for five days. **Scholarships available for Southwest residents.**

Schooner Camp

Ages: 12 to 18

Date: Four one-week (Monday through Friday) courses starting July 11

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact//Registration: Register online www.dcsail.org or at 202-547-1250. \$350 for five days. **Scholarships available for Southwest residents.**

Southwest Library activities at 900 Wesley Pl., SW

Regular library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 1 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm; Closed Sunday.

All library programs are free.

Toddler Story Time

Ages: Up to 5 yrs

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays (ongoing)

Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Music and Movement

Ages: All Ages

Dates: Every Tuesday and Thursday June through July

Hours: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Magic of Cinema

Ages: All Ages

Dates: Thursdays, beginning June 23

Hours: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Garden Club

Ages: All Ages

Dates: Mondays, beginning June 20th

Hours: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Stories and Songs

Ages: All Ages

Dates: Monday through Friday

Hours: 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Contact: Children's room 202-724-4691 for information on all children's programs

Haiku to Hip Hop Writing Workshop

Ages: 12 to 19

Dates: Wednesdays

Hours: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Storytalk

Ages: 12 to 19

Dates: Mondays

Hours: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Contact: 202-724-4752 for information.

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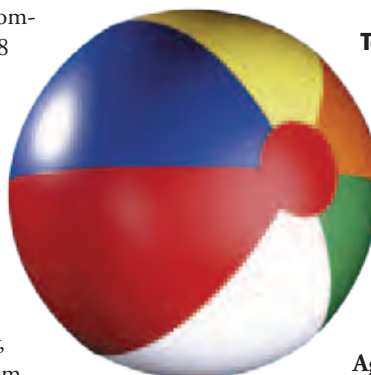
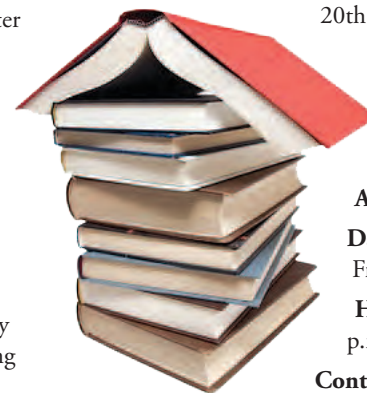
Waterfront Child Development Center Summer Camp at 1547 First St., SW

Ages: 3 to 12

Dates: June through August

Hours: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact: Veronica Hegens-Nelson 202-569-3701/202-450-4886



Religion and Spirituality

Southwest Pastor Ruth Hamilton part of movement to end gun violence

A new interfaith movement will give Southwest and Capitol Riverfront residents a chance to take real action in the effort to stop the gun violence that has taken far too many lives. "Heeding God's Call in Greater Washington" will hold its kick-off event on Sunday, June 5, 4 p.m., at The Holy Christian House of Praise for All People, and Rev. Ruth Hamilton, Co-Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Southwest, will be one of the speakers. The Holy Christian House of Praise for All People is located at 5110 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., NE.

"Heeding God's Call focuses on ending the illegal practice of gun trafficking by working with specific gun stores that have a high incidence of crime-related gun sales," Rev. Hamilton said.

Realco Gun Shop in District Heights is one such store as noted in the Oct. 23, 2010 *Washington Post* story on "The Hidden Life of Guns." The Heeding God's Call steering committee is currently communicating with the owner of Realco Gun Shop to seek his commitment to a 10-point code of conduct developed by the Coalition of Mayors Against Gun Violence, Rev. Hamilton said.

The June 5 Worship and call to action, with Jewish, Muslim and Christian leadership, will mobilize and inspire ongoing weekly public witness in front of Realco Gun Shop beginning Mon., June 6, 5-6 p.m. Anyone committed to peaceful, non-violent witness is invited to participate, Rev. Hamilton said.

For more information contact Rev. Ruth Hamilton at 202-641-8221.

START at Westminster celebrates third anniversary



Executive Director George Kerr (above sitting) and the START program celebrate their third anniversary Wednesday, June 8.

START (Syringe, Treatment, Advocacy, Resources, and Training) at Westminster Presbyterian Church, a harm reduction program providing HIV testing and other services

will celebrate its third anniversary on Wednesday, June 8, with a public reception beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a short program at 6:45 p.m.

In addition to HIV testing START provides counseling, referrals, condom distribution, advocacy and resources.

Several awards will be presented by city council members and staff members will be honored. "Harm Reduction" is a health philosophy that meets people where they are without judgment and gives the support and encouragement needed when they decide to make healthy changes in their life.

The START initiative has been implemented as a formal project since June 2008 under the general auspices of the church governing body, but it's structured as a distinct entity with its own defined mission, executive administration, project staff, concept of operations including operating budget and programs.

For more information, contact Executive Director George Kerr at 202-863-8450.



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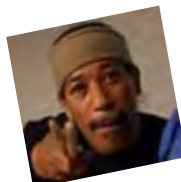
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Religion and Spirituality

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. featured at celebratory benefit dinner

By Elaine Graves

Civil rights activist and attorney Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. spoke to a sold-out audience at the May 17 celebratory dinner honoring the legacy of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and commemorating the anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the landmark Supreme Court ruling secured in 1954 by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund lawyers led by Thurgood Marshall. The event was sponsored by St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, the home parish of Justice Marshall during his years on the Supreme Court. The evening's mistress of ceremonies was veteran television news broadcaster Maureen Bunyan of ABC7/WJLA-TV.

Jordan spoke of how he first met Thurgood Marshall while attending Howard University Law School, and was mentored and influenced by him throughout his law career.

In the spirit of the Marshall legacy, St. Augustine's continually seeks to build a community that embraces diversity and seeks racial justice. St. Augustine's has a fifty-year history of responding to community need on D.C.'s Southwest Waterfront. Funds raised from the event will help the church continue its community outreach services.

"St. Augustine's has been a beacon and an anchor through parish outreach programs," Priest-in-Charge Rev. Martha Clark said. "We serve weekly community breakfasts in our 20-year long program *Bread for Life*, partner with community organizations to provide family support services and youth violence prevention initiatives, hold children and youth summer



Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. (left) spoke at the May 17 dinner honoring the legacy of Thurgood Marshall and commemorating the anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*. Maureen Bunyan of ABC7/WJLA-TV (right) was the evening's mistress of ceremonies. Photo by Jim Johnson Photography.

reading camps, provide scholarships for teenagers and young adults, respond to emergency requests for funds daily and refer community members to essential social services agencies."

Religious Calendar

Galilee A.M.E. Church

Worshipping at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW 202-258-6812
Rev. S. Isaiah Harvin
Sunday: 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God

60 I St. Swk 202-251-5137
Pastor Robert Carter
Sunday: 10:45 a.m.; Friday Prayer and Bible Study: 8 p.m.

Carron Baptist Church

1354 First St., SW 202-484-3172
Pastor Lester W. Allen
Sunday: 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Noon Day Prayer, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friendship Baptist Church

900 Delaware Ave. SW 202-488-7417
Rev. Dr. J. Michael Little, Pastor
Sunday: 9:30 A.M., Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Service and Bible Study

Riverside Baptist Church

Seventh St. and Maine Avenue SW 202-554-4330
Pastor Michael Bledsoe, Ph.D.
Sunday: 10 a.m. with Bible Study at 9 a.m.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church

1105 New Jersey Ave. SE 202-488-7298
Rev. Dr. Maxwell M. Washington, Pastor
Sunday: 8 a.m. Sunday School; 9:05 a.m. Worship Service
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Second Baptist Church Southwest

1200 Canal St., SW 202-484-3112
Rev. James Jones
Rev. Carl V. Messiah
Sunday: Church School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship: 8 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.

Second Union Baptist Church

1107 Delaware Ave. SW 202-484-7012
Rev. William Harrison, Pastor
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship

St. Dominic Catholic Parish

603 E St. SW 202-554-7863
Fr. Gregory Salomone, O.P.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. (Spanish), and 5:15 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

14 M St. SE 202-488-1354
Fr. Richard Gaucanyco
Sunday: 8 a.m.
Mon. and Fri.: 12:10 p.m.

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

600 M St. SW 202-554-3222
Rev. Martha Clark marthakclark@yahoo.com
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Worshipping at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 Fourth St. NW at Judiciary Square 410-375-5053 (cell)
Pastor Phillip Huber
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: 6 p.m.: Bread and Soup, 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer

Christ United Methodist Church

900 Fourth St. SW 202-554-9117
Rev. Adrienne Terry
Sunday: 10 a.m.
Thursday: 12 noon & 6:30 p.m., Bible Study

St. Paul African Union Methodist Protestant Church

401 I St., SE 202-997-3049
Rev. Karen Mills
Sunday: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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CHANGES

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- Eye Streets, at southbound Fourth and M Streets and in the Waterfront Center garages to inform drivers about new eastbound travel patterns.
- Move the bus stop that had been relocated to Bank of America back to Fourth Street.
- Create more prominently placed signal lights so drivers better understand the left-turn only signals at northbound Fourth Street onto westbound M Street.
- Enable left-hand turns to be made from two lanes on northbound Fourth Street onto westbound M Street one so that afternoon Ft. McNair traffic exits the neighborhood quickly and safely.
- Re-paint northbound Fourth Street to provide additional visual cues to drivers showing that they may make left-hand turns on to M Street from both lanes.
- Re-paint the eastbound M Street right turn lane (after the easternmost exit from

430 M Street) with new arrows to clearly indicate the *only* turn lane onto Fourth Street.

- Paint middle eastbound M Street lanes with straight arrows to indicate that only eastbound traffic is permitted.

DDOT presented at the March ANC meeting, agreeing to these changes and requested that ANC 6D adopt a resolution supporting the elimination of the southbound left turn from Fourth Street onto eastbound M Street (toward the ballpark) so that DDOT could publish the request in the D.C. Register for a 30-day public comment. On March 14, the ANC passed that resolution and forwarded it to DDOT. To date, none of the changes the Commissioners requested have been made. The ANC continues to follow up with DDOT to press for the increased safety measures at this very challenging intersection. Tommy Wells' office has been involved and the Commissioners anticipate that the changes requested will be implemented soon.

Andy Litsky is the Commissioner for ANC 6D-04 and has represented the residential complexes along the Washington Channel since 1998.

FAMILY AFFAIR

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I have a little more responsibility since I have to make sure that the right people are coming and going, have the right credentials and all of that."

The sisters not only love their jobs but also the team they work for. Powers said that Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman is her favorite player, while Rodriguez cited Ivan Rodriguez as one of her favorites because of the name relation. Both sisters also said they're quickly becoming attached to the Nats' big off-season signing, Jayson Werth.

Sandra and Cynthia both agreed that living and working in the Southwest community made life easy on the two of them.

"It's convenient to everything," Rodriguez said. "Southwest is such a small community; everyone knows each other. It's walking distance to the metro, to the Mall, to the Smithsonian."

The sisters, who live a mere four blocks from the ballpark, said that on the walk home from work, the community makes it clear that they enjoy the team's presence in the neighborhood.

"When we walk home we always get asked, 'who won the game tonight?' So I think there is a sense that people do really enjoy that the ballpark is here," Powers said.

REDISTRICTING

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Should ward boundaries shift dramatically in Ward 6, current and future capital investment could be jeopardized, delaying the anticipated financial benefits to the community and the District.

Residents at various community meetings argued that the landmark redevelopments in Near Southeast and at the Southwest Waterfront serve to strengthen the process of knitting together the communities on either side of

the SE/SW Freeway to the National Mall, the Central Business District and the commercial districts of Barracks Row and Eastern Market. The ANC 6D supports a ward redistricting plan that retains all the current ANC 6D boundaries within Ward 6.

The Redistricting Subcommittee of the D.C. City Council plans to have a decision made regarding changes by the end of June. The Subcommittee is made of council members Michael A. Brown, Jack Evans and Phil Mendelson.

Kael Anderson is President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

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Reception at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater

Guy Bergquist, longtime Southwest resident Barbara Ehrlich and architect Bing Thom at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater. On May 19, the Canadian Embassy hosted a reception and presentation by Bing Thom of his new book Bing Thom Works at Arena Stage. Thom's book features a section on his architectural design of the theater. Guy Bergquist managed the project for Arena Stage. Photo by Perry Klein.

Metro riders can now plan trips on Google

On May 12, Metro announced that riders can now plan their trips using Google maps online or on mobile devices. Although Metro already offers services such as the online Trip Planner (also available on mobile devices), the long-awaited partnership between Metro and Google is a big step forward, linking Metro to other transportation providers such as Amtrak, DC Circulator, Fairfax CUE, Loudoun County Transit, MARC and Montgomery County Ride On. "Google maps is one of the most popular online mapping sites in the world, which will help local Metro riders plan their trips and assist visitors around the globe," said Catherine Hudgins, Chair of Metro's Board

of Directors, in a press release.

Riders using Google maps to plan trips will enjoy additional benefits that other trip-planning applications don't offer: "Google's promotion of public transit increases awareness of alternatives to driving and gives our riders access to other useful information such as aerial imagery, business listings, user reviews and street views," said Metro General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Richard Sarles, in a press release.

To plan a trip, riders can visit <http://maps.google.com>, select "Get Directions," choose the "public transit" icon, and enter a start and end address. Those using mobile devices can visit m.google.com/map.

PICNIC

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in action at any given time. I lost count of the number of fish and the number of smiles.

Our guests enjoyed a ride on the Potomac River with the assistance of Capital Yacht Charters "M/V Celebrity" and the visiting "S/V Summerwind." In fact, Summerwind extended its visit to Washington D.C. just to be a part of the day. "M/V Patriot II" the newest vessel in Southwest, joined in later that day so everyone attending could enjoy a cruise on the Potomac.

One of the Armed Forces retirees said she was so delighted to sail as a guest on Summerwind because 50 years ago she was a newly enlisted sailor working on ship. She spoke to

the captain of Summerwind, who is going to do some research and let her know what happened to her ship.

James and his mother came to enjoy the day. Although now in a wheelchair and facing many obstacles, he was so grateful to be out of the hospital for a day and smell the fresh air.

Mark and his family came from the hospital and with the help of others he and his chair were lifted up onto the boat to enjoy the cruise. His four-year-old daughter sat on his lap as one of our members helped the pair catch a fish.

Thanks to all who donated time, money, food and boat rides. The heroes of the day were the brave men and women who have and continue to serve our nation.

Nationals front office staff volunteer

By Atu Osei-Chambers

While Washington Nationals players and coaches are dedicated to connecting with the local community, the commitment stretches beyond the roster. Since the club moved to the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood, the Nationals' front office staff has participated in the Power Lunch program created by Everybody Wins! DC, a nonprofit organization that promotes children's literacy by pairing students with reading mentors.

Each Power Lunch mentor is paired with a student for the year, which creates a consistent relationship and a sense of trust. A dozen or so club employees visit Amidon-Bowen Elementary School in Southwest D.C. to read to students during their lunch hours once a week.

"We had heard great things about the program and were excited to join forces with them in 2009," Nationals Director of Community Relations Israel Negrón said. "The best thing about the program is that it allows our staff to develop strong relationships with the children who live around Nationals Park." Every week, Negrón reads with fourth grader Ernest Egbuna, who he describes as a smart young man who is very curious about reading.



Nationals Director of Community Relations Israel Negrón and his reading partner fourth grader Ernest Egbuna participate in Power Lunch, a program bringing Nationals employees to Amidon-Bowen Elementary for weekly reading sessions.

"Ernest has a great personality that takes us in many directions," he said. "He's an avid reader, so it's great to share a common interest and connect on a personal level. I enjoy passing along my love of reading and sharing books with him."

In addition to getting children excited and motivated about reading, the Power Lunch program gives local professionals the opportunity to make a positive impact in a child's life. Nationals Season Ticket Account Executive Maribel Castro was eager to create a positive environment for kids in the neighborhood, so she joined the program in January and reads with 10-year-old Kaila Young.

"Kaila is a very ambitious little girl," said Castro. "She is really interested in poetry and enjoys reading authors like Maya Angelou, but like a lot of other children, Dr. Seuss books are her favorite." "One thing I try to do with Kaila after we read is apply a real-world perspective. If a character in one of the stories we read worked hard and achieved a goal, I want her to see herself as being capable of doing the same things. But, if the character did something wrong, I want her to think about how she would have avoided the situation and done better," she said. With both organizations grounded in their commitment to the community, this is a partnership that is sure to last.

DPR gears up for pool season

As the temperatures rise, Southwest and Capitol Riverfront residents can count themselves lucky to be in such close proximity to two of the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) outdoor pools.

Although the city has not yet announced an opening date, residents can expect the pools to be in service soon. The pools were opened to the public the last weekend in May in 2009 and 2010. Generally, pools are open weekends only until the end of June when students are out of school.

Southwest is home to East Potomac Pool, at 972 Ohio Dr. on Haines Point, and Randall Pool, at South Capitol and I (Eye) Streets.

D.C. public pools are free for all residents of the city. In order to use the facilities residents must sign in and show a D.C. ID or a utility bill with name and address issued in the last 60 days, in addition to a valid photo ID. Non-residents must pay a fee. Outdoor pool fees are \$4 per day for youth and seniors, and \$7 per day for adults.

DPR welcomes children and families at their outdoor pools, however children under the age of 13 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult 18 years of age or older. Children age six and younger must be accompanied by an adult in the pool or at least an arm's length from the child in the pool at all times.

DPR is also hiring lifeguards to attend all outdoor pools this summer and indoor pools throughout the year. Lifeguard training and CPR/AED training classes are still available through June. Lifeguard training classes are \$120 for residents, while CPR/AED training classes are \$37.50. However, candidates under consideration for a lifeguard position at a D.C. public pool may take classes free of charge. For more information on summer employment and fee waivers contact Cecilia Washington at Cecilia.washington@dc.gov.

For more information about pools, including opening times and weather alerts, visit <http://dpr.dc.gov/> and under the "Programs and Services" link choose "Aquatic Programs." Or call DPR at 202-673-7647.

Southwest community garden seeking gardeners

By Dan Felger

When walking by 222 M St., SW — future site of a rebuilt St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and its associated Thurgood and Cecilia Marshall Community Development Center — one might observe recent activity in the northeast quarter of the church property. That activity means one thing: community gardening is almost ready to resume.

Garden manager Rudolph Brooks, a resident of Greenleaf Senior Center, said that although 12 of the 18 plots have been taken by returning gardeners, the M Street Garden has the potential to benefit a larger number of Southwest residents.

"Last year each person who registered to garden was willing to share his or her plot with a fourth, fifth or sixth grader and to mentor that student in community gardening and nutrition, but only three students showed up," Brooks said. "This year each returning gardener is willing to share and mentor again."

"You'd hope that with Mrs. Obama and other leaders talking about healthy activity and good nutrition more parents and youngsters would get interested, but it looks like we'll just have to wait and see," he added.

For more information about registering for the M Street Garden call Rudolph Brooks at 202-651-6294 or 202-425-1484.

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